

table talk

Old train station
changing its look

NORMAN LE PAGE is busy with his restaurant in the works, Norman's Elton Place Station, the old Grand Truck Railroad Station in Birmingham.

A cocktail lounge, piano bar area, dining room and a loft will be part of the new restaurant when it opens in September. Moderately priced food and entertainment are what LePage plans to offer in the rehabilitated station.

The restaurant also runs Nifty Norman's in Walled Lake, which has just added cocktail dancing downstairs. Nifty Mondays feature Happy Hour 5-7 p.m. and dancing 7-11 p.m. to the music of Nightfall. Songs range from '40s to Top 40.

THE MICHIGAN Chefs de Cuisine has selected Leopold Schaeffl, corporate executive chef of H.O. Machus Enterprises, as Chef of the Year.

Schaeffl has received numerous honors for his culinary accomplishments. Last fall he was one of nine chefs who achieved the title of master chef after successfully completing a 10-day examination at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y.

PRIME RIB dinner just for two is a new special Friday nights at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. The delicious dinner, priced at \$14.95 for two, includes the prime rib, salad and potato. For reservations, call 642-0100.

A "JOIN the Army" drive is under way at C.A. Muer restaurant throughout Metro Detroit. It's the Salvation Army that Chuck Muer is encouraging diners to join, by contributing items of canned goods at collection bins in his restaurants.

NEWEST restaurant in the C.A. Muer family is Fairlane Charley's, taking over at 700 Town Center Drive, Dearborn. The location used to be a Nemo's restaurant before Muer turned it into another of his informal tavern operations.

THE FISHER Mansion in Detroit, which has been renovated by Hare Krishan devotees, now houses a restaurant open to the public. Govinda's is a gourmet vegetari-

an restaurant featuring international cuisine.

Lawrence Fisher's dining room has been converted into the restaurant, which boasts a decor with marble floors, Italian rosewood pillars, Venetian silk curtains and French walnut paneling.

Lunch and dinner is served. For more information, call 331-6740.

THE CEDARS of Lebanon Supper Club, featuring tasty, moderately priced Mediterranean and American food, has opened at 12820 Ford Road at Oakman in Dearborn. Owner-operator is Hassan Bazzi, originally from Lebanon.

Bazzi, who has worked at the Shells in Detroit, offers several kinds of kibbe — kibbee naye, fried kibbee and baked kibbee. Other entrees include sauteed sweetbreads, shish kabob, shish kafta and seafood special.

Bazzi has converted the former rock 'n' roll club into an intimate new setting. Entertainment on Friday-Saturdays is provided by Mansour and Company, a four-piece band, a belly dancer, and a singer. For more information, phone 582-1500.

THE DAKOTA Inn Rathskeller, in Detroit will celebrate its 50th anniversary Monday, Aug. 1. The German-American restaurant, known for its sing-along entertainment and German food, has been in the Kurz family for two generations.

Ed Kurz and wife, Dorothy, and Hilda Kurz Howarth and husband, Bill, run the Dakota Inn, which was started by Karl and Katherine Kurz in 1933, the year Prohibition ended. The restaurant's Old Heidelberg decor focuses on a wall mural spotlighting "The Schmitzbank" song.

Beer was 5 to 15 cents and sandwiches were 10 cents when the Dakota Inn first opened. Today prices are still moderate. Most sandwiches are around \$2, and a hot plate special of bratwurst or knockwurst with sauerkraut or hot German potato salad, bread and butter is \$3.50, on the luncheon menu. Dinner is served nightly.

The Dakota Inn is at 17324 John R. near Six Mile Road. For more information, phone 887-9722.

— Ethel Simmons



Fran L. Washington plays Janie Mae, who thinks Jody Starks, portrayed by Clifford A. Reed, will bring her a better life in "To Glean It Around," opening at the Hilberry Theatre.

Premiere features
area woman's play

The premiere of a new play by Bonnie Lee Moss Rattner, a native Detroit now living in Franklin, will be presented next Wednesday through Saturday, June 23, at the Hilberry Theatre in Detroit.

Wayne State University's world premiere production of "To Glean It Around" opens officially Thursday, June 9, following a preview Wednesday. Performances are at 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays. For ticket information, call 577-2972.

The play is a stage version of Zora Neale Hurston's "Their Eyes Were Watching God," a novel of the 1930s. The book uses the rural Southern setting, dialect and folklore, and the romantic theme characteristic of that period.

A controversial black author of the '30s and '40s, Hurston is now being hailed as one of the most important women writers in the nation's history.

Bonnie Rattner was born in Detroit and attended public schools in Detroit and Berkeley. She studied at the University of Michigan, the Sorbonne and Wayne State, where she earned bachelor and master of arts degrees in English.

IT WAS AT Wayne State, in a graduate seminar on American women writers, that she first read "Their Eyes Were Watching God." "It changed the course of my life," she said.

For the last eight years she has been involved with the life and work of Zora Neale Hurston. At her suggestion, Harper & Row, Publishers, became agent of the Hurston estate. It took the publishers six years to trace the heirs



Bonnie Lee Moss Rattner of Franklin is the playwright whose stage version of the novel will have its world premiere.

and conclude negotiations necessary for Rattner to acquire three of the Hurston properties, including "Their Eyes Were Watching God."

The production will be directed by Von H. Washington, director of WSU's black theater program. It will open the 1983 Hilberry Summer Theatre Festival, which continues Wednesday, July 6, through Saturday, Aug. 6, with five productions.

"Their Eyes Were Watching God" features a cast of 17. Von Washington's wife, Fran, plays the leading role of Janie Mae Crawford and their daughter Alicia appears as the young Janie.

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slates summer programs

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Instruction levels in the various camps range from beginners to master class and ensemble-playing status. Many of the programs can be taken for academic credit.

For information and costs of the various programs, contact the coordinator of Summer Arts Workshops at 377-1016.

The summer music programs are as follows:

Monday, June 27, to Friday, July 1 — separate workshops in percussion, flute and clarinet/saxophone

Monday through Friday, July 18-22 — junior high school show-choir workshop

Monday through Friday, July 25-29 — jazz and improvisation workshop

Monday through Friday, Aug. 1-5 —

musical theater workshop

IN ADDITION, there will be a workshop on choreography and popular choral music, Monday through Friday, July 11-15; the Oakland Youth Symphony camp Monday, July 4, through Saturday, July 16, and the Orff/Schulwerk Institute, Monday, Aug. 8 through Friday, Aug. 19, co-sponsored by OU and the Cranbrook Educational Community. The institute will be held at Cranbrook's Bloomfield Hills campus. For information, call 645-3540.

Guest artists include Robert Paogborn, principal percussionist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra; Ervin Monroe, the DSO's principal flutist; Marvin "Doc" Holladay, director of jazz studies at OU; Carolyn Tower, president of the American Orff/Schulwerk Association; and Jessica Sinclair, director of dance, Cranbrook School.

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